# State of Alaska FY2005 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Local Emergency Planning Committee Component Budget Summary

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# **Component: Local Emergency Planning Committee**

## **Contribution to Department's Mission**

Provide funding assistance to Local Emergency Planning Committees established by the State Emergency Response Commission.

#### **Core Services**

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management provides funding and technical assistance to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) who are responsible for planning, training and exercising for oil and hazardous substance releases and managing community right to know activities regarding oil and hazardous materials within their jurisdictions. In addition, some general fund assistance has been provided in the past to LEPCs to address hazards other than oil and hazardous substance releases, such as earthquake, tsunami, and terrorism.

LEPCs accomplish these services through the use of volunteers from specified professions who meet regularly to achieve their mission. The following communities have active LEPCs for FY2005:

Matanuska Susitna Borough Kenai Peninsula Borough Anchorage Greater Ketchikan Sitka Petersburg Wrangell Northern Southeast Bristol Bay Borough Kodiak Island Borough Aleutians Pribilofs Fairbanks Area Copper River Denali Borough Nome Northwest Arctic **Delta Greely** Yukon Koyukuk LEPC Northslope Borough - Farthest North LEPC Capital City/City and Borough of Juneau Valdez LEPC

# **Major Activities to Advance Strategies**

- Establish & Sustain Collaborative Partnerships
- Grants Assessment & pass through to LEPCs
- Technical Assistance
- Plans/Preparedness Assistance
- Training & Exercise Assistance

FY2005 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results				
FY2005 Component Budget: \$300,000	Personnel: Full time	0		
	Part time	0		
	Total	0		

# **Key Component Challenges**

• Major funding for the Local Emergency Planning Committees is primarily based upon 3% of the balance of the Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Prevention and Response Fund. Based on legislation in SFY04 the funds budgeted were swept into the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund, resulting in a reduction in the level of 470 funds for FY 2004. In fact, the Response Fund Manager was only able to fund the budgeted RSA for LEPCs at 50% of the total originally allocated. Therefore the LEPCs are not fully funded to complete their required tasks for oil and hazardous substance planning in SFY04.

# Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2005

- The Oil & Hazardous Spill Response Fund provides funding to support Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) in planning for hazardous materials spill responses and "Community Right to Know" activities, and for them to provide support to local jurisdictions in developing all hazard response plans and activities to prepare their population for all hazard events. It is unknown during budget preparations what amount, if any, of the Oil and Hazardous Spill Response funds will be available to the LEPCs in SFY05 also, the General fund appropriation has not been continued in SFY05.
- Work will continue to make available any of the new Homeland Security Federal Grants that are applicable. For Example, the State Emergency Response Commission has determined that LEPCs can become Citizen Corp Councils, making them eligible for the new Citizen Corp Federal Grants. Hopefully this will bridge the gap with the potential loss of LEPC funding.

# Major Component Accomplishments in 2003

#### ALEUTIANS PRIBILOF LEPC

The LEPC worked with the US Coast Guard on the response to the Akutan Fire and assisted them in training fishing boat crews on the damage control simulator in Unalaska. Multiple teleconferences with the outlying communities were held and a draft, small community plan template, was sent to the outlying areas to assist in development of emergency operations plans for these communities. The Umatilla County Oregon, Emergency Management organization, was contacted in reference to information on Tone Alert Radios for the LEPC communities. The LEPC also worked closely with the following state, federal and local agencies on oil extremely hazardous substance and natural hazard emergency planning during this year; USCG on coordination of local oil spills', DEC on coordination of local spill and clean up projects, State Troopers on airport drill coordination and DOT on our annual Airport Disaster Exercise. The LEPC also purchased a laptop computer for the Nikolski's LEPC members to work on a plan, TIER II reports and correspond with the LEPC. The LEPC has sent a representative to two of the three scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### ANCHORAGE LEPC

The Anchorage LEPC held numerous meetings (in excess of 45) and continues to have good local participation in the emergency planning arena. A Muniversty program covering Response efforts was conduct on 21 January 2003. A joint Cook Inlet Rescue Plan and Backcountry Task Force meeting was held on 23 January, 2003. A Weapons of Mass Destruction training class was conducted on 13 February 2003. On the 20th of March 2003 an Eagle River preparedness exercise was conducted and the South Regional 9-1-1 meeting was held. A water vulnerability assessment (Threat Analysis) meeting was held on April 30th 2003. On May the 20th 2003 a hazards analysis Phase 2 meeting with MRS was conducted. The Anchorage EOC was activated during the 2003 South Central Wind Storm. The Anchorage LEPC completed there special project, an updated Phase II Hazard Analysis. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### **Bristol Bay LEPC**

The Bristol Bay Borough LEPC, developed, purchased and distributed 5000 Emergency Preparedness Guides to borough residents. A message was posted on reader boards through out the community and an advertisement was aired on local cable television informing residents of the brochures and how to acquire them. The LEPC traveled to the community of South Naknek to conduct an informative LEPC meeting for this community. The LEPC contracted, received, and delivered a copy to ADES, of their Emergency Operations Plan. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### CAPITAL CITY LEPC

The LEPC worked on the multiple hazmat issues including the statewide Hazmat Work Group on Level A Team formation. Mark Miles, LEPC Chair presented a fact sheet on the hazard Mitigation Grant Program to LEPC members. The 103rd CST displayed their capabilities and conducted a HazMat exercise on 30 and 31 March 2003. Members were given a draft copy of the Emergency Operations Plan for review as well as informational materials from FEMA on the content and purpose of EOP's. The LEPC completed there special project, an avalanche response plan. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### COPPER RIVER

LEPC arranged and hosted an Incident Command System and Swift Water Rescue courses for responders and included LEPC members. Mr. Tom Betts of the National Parks Service made a presentation to the LEPC on the capabilities of the local NPS. There abilities regarding the use of personnel and equipment in the event of an emergency or mass event. A working group was formed by the LEPC to complete an emergency response plan. Suzanne McCarthy, a PWSCC Geologist gave an earthquake presentation to the LEPC at the 18 February 2003 meeting. The local radio station has been hired to run advertisements to promote the mission and projects of the LEPC to the LEPD residents. James Johnson from the Division of Emergency Services visited with Martin Miracle, LEPC Chair and John Downs, LEPC Coordinator, to discuss ways of improving LEPC participation and reviewing end of year expenditures. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings held in SFY 2003.

#### **DELTA GREELY**

John Lingaas from the National Weather Service discussed the grant application process regarding weather channels and how to get the grants in. The LEPC conducted a spotter training class on how to identify and report severe weather to a regional weather service office from their home. Mr. Wyrick, LEPC member, attended the Juneau LEPC/SERC in January and brought back a FEMA book entitled "Are You Ready". The LEPC obtained enough books to distribute to the entire community. The LEPC researched number of radios needed in the community for responding agencies to communicate effectively with in a disaster or emergency. On May 1, 2003, Mr. David Liebersbach, Director of the Division of Emergency Services gave an informational presentation to the LEPC. The Delta-Greely LEPC completed there special project, a draft copy of an EOP, and delivered it to ADES. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### DENALI LEPC

Continued communication and meetings between the LEPC and the Denali Borough Manager and as the Tri- Valley Fire Department are ongoing. The LEPC assisted the Tri-Valley School and the Denali Borough School District, in a review of their crisis response plan and an update of their All Hazards Plan. The Denali LEPC remains active in their outreach programs within their LEPD. The LEPC has sent a representative to all of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### **FAIRBANKS LEPC**

The Tier II report status was edited, printed and mailed out. The LEPC Chair, Barry Jennings, participated in a group to develop a Smallpox Vaccination plan with the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. The LEPC distributed informational handouts at the Aleyeska employee fair. The LEPC voted to go to an ALL HAZARDS planning committee and directed the coordinator to initiate whatever action necessary to convert it.

The LEPC assisted the borough in the development of a Community Response Team. The goal of the CERT is to teach the community how to prepare for the first 5 -7 days to a large scale emergency. The LEPC completed two special projects, a Hazardous Material Transportation Commodity Flow study for Air Transportation and a HazMat Commodity Flow Study Project Phase I - Road. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH LEPC

The LEPC planned for, and scheduled a borough wide fuel spill response drill to be conducted in the 4th quarter. On 5 June 2003, a fuel spill response exercise was conducted in Barrow. On 17 June 2003, fuel spill response training was

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conducted for the community of Wainwright. And on 18 June 2003, a fuel spill response exercise was conducted in Wainwright. The North Slope Borough recently completed the transition of the LEPC responsibility back to the borough. Now with the transition complete, the Borough is in the process of reconstituting the LEPC, selecting and training new members. The North Slope Borough LEPC completed its special project, hazard analysis for the communities of Anaktuvuk Pass, Atgasuk, Kaktovik, Point Hope, PointLay, Nuigsut, and Wainwright. The LEPC has sent a representative to two of the three scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### GRAEATER KETCHIKAN LEPC

The LEPC has and continues to work with members of the USFS, USCG, Alaska PHS, and AST for planning projects and hazards emergency planning. Tier II forms were processed, and questions were forward to the appropriate agency. The LEPC assisted a local attorney's office with HAZMAT research on Borough lands. Also assisted the Ketchikan public works department in establishing a junkyard, HAZMAT research program. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### KENAI LEPC

The LEPC conducted borough wide siren tests through out the year. ICS training continues to be conducted for responders and LEPC members and two Public information presentations were conducted by LEPC members. The LEPC will be purchasing "It's a Disaster" books for distribution through out the borough. A grant was received for the installation of a new borough wide radio communication system that would be compatible with Alaska Mobile Land Radio project, upgrading dispatch facilities at Kenai, Seward and Homer. Additional from this grant they purchased decontamination equipment for hospitals. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### KODIAK LEPC

The Kodiak LEPC has recently changed over from the City of Kodiak to the Borough, with Duane Dvorak as the chair. Linda Freed stated that she will remain a member of the SERC and has been re-appointed to a local government seat on that commission. The LEPC in conjunction with the ADES training officer coordinated to have FEMA train LEPC members and community responders in Debris Management and Disaster recovery. The LEPC printed 2,500 copies of the Borough's Emergency Preparedness Guide for distribution to borough residents. The LEPC received a presentation from the Alaska National Guard 103rd CST on Weapons of Mass Destruction Mitigation procedures. Mike Dolph from the Kodiak Amateur Radio Emergency Service group provided information and a tour of their communications vehicle which could be used to assist in coordinating response or recovery operations during an emergency or disaster. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### MATANUSKA SUSITNA LEPC

The LEPC (response oriented members) were heavily involved in responding to and providing assistants to residents during and after the March 2003 wind storm. The LEPC supported the Local Community, ADES and FEMA preliminary damage assessments teams in preparing request for state and federal disaster declaration request. The LEPC distributed 6,600 informational jacket zipper pulls to the elementary children in the borough. A brochure prepared and printed by the LEPC members on the West Nile Virus was distributed at the Mat Su Electric association Annual meeting. LEPC (response oriented members) activated and maintained operations in the borough's EOC during the March wind storm. During the Disaster Conference held in Talkeetna, a presentation and training on exercise development was given followed by a Table Top exercise. The continuing development of the functional and wheels rolling exercises continues. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### NOME LEPC

The LEPC has made revisions, updated, and presented to ADES for review, a copy of Nome EOP's. A Meeting and planning/coordination schedule was established for the A.W.A.R.E. Academy course. This course will incorporate the history of Nome's disasters; potential disasters, what community members need to do to be prepared and what the City of Nome are prepared to do. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### NORTHERN SOUTHEAST LEPC

A teleconference was held regarding oil spill response equipment for the region. Local government planning with the LEPC to develop a Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan required by FEMA and to assist district communities in writing of their mitigation plans. Public meetings were scheduled and held to receive input regarding the Mitigation Plan. An update of the Tier II listing was accomplished, insuring that the citizens in the LEPC's communities are informed with the latest information concerning hazardous materials. James Johnson from ADES, visited and gave a presentation on local, federal, state requirements and operations of an LEPC, and how the Northern Southeast LEPC could keep their LEPC operational and viable. The LEPC attended only one scheduled LEPCA and SERC meeting.

#### NORTHWEST ARCTIC LEPC

The LEPC continues to work at revising the EAS Plan before recommending it for adoption. All monthly LEPC meetings were held and attended by a quorum. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) proposed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Northwest Arctic Borough for a grant of \$7,000.00 to fund Hazmat related training. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### PETERSBURG/WRANGELL LEPC

LEPC continues to make updates to their Disaster Response Plan and the Resource List. The city manager is actively planned spill response and disaster drills with the Department Heads of the City of Petersburg with a multi year cycle. The LEPC worked to update the communications section of the EOC. The LEPC sponsored a two day seminar on Disaster response functions of ADES, and incident command system training for Petersburg, city department heads, other city agencies and supervisors attending. These seminars were presented by Terry Smith/ADES and Vince McCoy from the Municipality of Anchorage. The LEPC has sent a representative to all three of the scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### SITKA LEPC

The Sitka LEPC began worked with the Sitka Police Department on a Mitigation plan to cover the hazardous substance, ammonia, and thefts of the substance A Cruise Ship Emergency Plan up date and an island evacuation plan annex in the event of a bridge failure was added to Sitka's EOP. The LEPC was able to conduct a community wide drill in partnership with DOT and SEARHC to test the decontamination plan. Another community wide drill was conducted on May 15th 2003. A work group was formed and met on June 30th updating the EOP Annexes. The LEPC will be assisting the City of Port Alexander with development of a community wide EOP. The LEPC was able to send a representative to only one of the three scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

#### YUKON-KOYUKUK LEPC

The YKLEPC requested and received an LEPC Grant Fund Advance in the second quarter of \$5,500 for students including chair R. J. Nelson to attend the Tanana Chiefs Conference that was held on March 10-14, 2003. This meeting is held as a yearly meeting for the district to include Citizen Corps, CERT, and the follow-up on ongoing LEPC plan writing. The LEPC was able to send a representative to only two of the three scheduled LEPCA and SERC meetings.

## **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS 26.23.071 Alaska State Emergency Response Commission
AS 26.23.073 Emergency planning districts and committees
AS 46.08 Oil and Hazardous Substance Releases
AS 43.55.201 Conservation surcharge on oil - surcharge levied
AS 43.55.300 Additional conservation surcharge on oil - surcharge levied

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Local Emergency Planning Committee Component Financial Summary						
All dollars shown in thousand						
	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor			
Non-Formula Program:						
Component Expenditures:						
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0			
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0			
73000 Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0			
74000 Supplies	1.0	0.0	0.0			
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0			
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0			
77000 Grants, Claims	394.3	409.0	300.0			
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Expenditure Totals	395.3	409.0	300.0			
Funding Sources:						
1004 General Fund Receipts	69.8	69.8	0.0			
1052 Oil/Hazardous Response Fund	0.0	0.0	300.0			
1055 Inter-agency/Oil & Hazardous Waste	325.5	339.2	0.0			
Funding Totals	395.3	409.0	300.0			

Estimated Revenue Collections					
Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor	
Unrestricted Revenues None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	
Restricted Revenues Interagency Recs./Oil & Hazardous Waste	51395	325.5	339.2	0.0	
Restricted Total Total Estimated Revenues		325.5 325.5	339.2 339.2	0.0 0.0	

Summary of Component Budget Changes From FY2004 Authorized to FY2005 Governor  All dollars shown in thousands						
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds		
FY2004 Authorized	69.8	0.0	339.2	409.0		
Proposed budget decreases: -Adjustment to reflect actual available funding and elimination of GF	-69.8	0.0	-39.2	-109.0		
FY2005 Governor	0.0	0.0	300.0	300.0		